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IN THE CLAIMS

1-63. (Cancelled)

64. (Currently amended) A hair removal device comprising:
a substantially planar and rigid substrate; and
at least 100 micro-blades connected to said substrate, each of said micro-blades comprising,
a blade support, and
a blade attached to said blade support, said blade defining a cutting edge,
wherein said blade is elevated relative to said substrate and said cutting edge is positioned below a cutting edge support surface;
wherein the micro-blades are configured for cutting hair when drawn across a skin surface and without damaging the skin.

65-66. (Cancelled)

67. (Original) A hair removal device according to claim 64 comprising at least about 200 of said micro-blades.

68. (Original) A hair removal device according to claim 64 comprising at least about 500 of said micro-blades.

69. (Original) A hair removal device according to claim 64 comprising at least about 1000 of said micro-blades.

70-84. (Cancelled)

85. (Original) A hair removal device according to claim 64 wherein said blades are each mounted on separate blade supports.

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86. (Original) A hair removal device according to claim 64 wherein said blades are arranged in ordered columns and rows on said substrate.

87. (Original) A hair removal device according to claim 64 wherein said blades are arranged in staggered columns and rows on said substrate.

88-115. (Cancelled)

116. (Currently amended) The hair removal device of claim 64 wherein:
the substrate has a generally flat upper surface; and
the blade supports of the micro-blades ~~each comprise; a blade support attached to the substrate and extending~~ extend above ~~[[the]]~~ a generally flat upper surface of the substrate, ~~and a blade attached to the blade support and elevated above the upper surface of the substrate,~~ wherein~~[[:]]~~
the ~~blade defines a cutting edge; and~~
the cutting edge is adapted in size and shape and oriented relative to the upper surface to cut hair when drawn across a skin surface and without damaging the skin surface.

117. (Previously presented) The hair removal device of claim 116 wherein the blade support of each micro-blade is generally perpendicular to the upper surface of the substrate.

118. (Previously presented) The hair removal device of claim 116 wherein each cutting edge is generally parallel to the upper surface of the substrate.